

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 03-01-02**

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Business Meeting: January 2, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. FRONT RANGE PIPELINE D2002.11.136 (JOEL)

On November 4, 2002, Front Range Pipeline filed an application for authority to increase rates and charges on its crude oil pipeline based on FERC's oil pipeline index. On November 27, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline with requests for intervention due on December 18, 2002. No requests for intervention have been received. Staff recommends approval.

2. CENEX PIPELINE D2002.11.137 (JOEL)

On November 4, 2002, Cenex Pipeline filed an application for authority to increase rates and charges on its refined products pipeline based on FERC's oil pipeline index. On November 27, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline with requests for intervention due on

December 18, 2002. No requests for intervention have been received. Staff recommends approval.

3. CONOCO PIPELINE CO. D2002.11.142 (JOEL)

On November 15, 2002, Conoco Pipeline Co. filed an application for authority to discontinue service on its gathering system located in Petroleum, Rosebud, Musselshell and Yellowstone Counties due to significantly decreased volumes in the associated gathering fields. On November 27, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline with requests for intervention due on December 18, 2002. No requests for intervention have been received. Staff recommends approval.

4. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY N2002.12.151(LEROY)

On November 27, 2002, Citizens Telecommunications Company filed tariff pages for Commission review and approval. The purpose is to wave the Nonrecurring Records Only Charges, where available in the serving Wire Center for existing Residential customers who order Citizens Select / Select Plus services. In addition, the customer will receive a \$10.00 credit for Citizens Select / Select Plus services on their first month's bill or a free Caller ID phone. This promotion is scheduled to run from January 1, 2003 through February 15, 2003. Citizens Telecommunications is requesting a January 1, 2003 effective date.

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1. CENTURYTEL N2002.12.155 (LEROY)

On December 16, 2002, CenturyTel filed Tariff Transmittal No 02-8, Type (13) Tariff – Rates and Conditions, Tariff PSC Mont. No. 12. The purpose of the filing is to revise the rates for Directory Assistance Service. The current rate charged is \$0.40 per call with three complementary calls. CenturyTel is proposing to

increase the rate to \$0.95 per call with no call allowance. The requested effective date is February 1, 2003.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 03-01-07

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2002.12155 – CenturyTel – TT 02-8 – Type (13) and Tariff-Rates and Conditions

D2002.12.156 – Qwest – Qwest and Montana Wireless, Inc. dba, Blackfoot Communications Agreement for Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services.

D2002.12.157 – Energy West Montana – Monthly Gas Cost Tracker

D2002.12.158 – Black Hills Power – Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider

D2002.12.159 – NorthWestern Corporation – Authority to Consumate a Credit Agreement and Issue \$280 Million in Principal Amount fo Sercured Long Term Notes in the Form of 1st Mortgage Bonds

D2002.12.160 – Montana Dakota Utilities – MDU is selling Saco Mains and Meters to the Town of Saco